AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A compound represented by the formula (I), a salt thereof or a hydrate of them.

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
H \\
Cy \\
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(v)_n
\end{array}$$
(I)

Wherein, R^1 designates a group represented by the formula - $(CO)_h$ - $(NR^a)_j$ - $(CR^b$ = $CR^c)_k$ -Ar (wherein R^a , R^b and R^c each independently designate a hydrogen atom, halogen atom, hydroxyl group, an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl group, an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkoxy group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyloxy group, an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkylthio group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenylthio group, an optionally substituted C_{3-8} cycloalkenyl group, an optionally substituted 4- to 14-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted C_{6-14} aryl group or an optionally substituted 5- to 14-membered heteroaryl group; Ar designates an optionally substituted C_{6-14} aryl group or an optionally substituted 5- to 14-membered heteroaryl group; and h, j and k each independently designate 0 or 1);

Cy designates a 5- to 6-membered heteroaryl group;

V designates a group represented by the formula -L-X-Y (wherein, L designates a single bond, an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkylene group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenylene group or an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkynylene group;

X designates a single bond, or a group represented by -NR⁷-, -O-, -CO-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -CO-NR⁸-Z-, -C(O)O-, -NR⁸-CO-Z-, -NR⁸-C(O)O-, -NR⁸-S-, -NR⁸-SO-, -NR⁸-SO₂-Z-, -NR⁹-CO-

NR¹⁰-, -NR⁹-CS-NR¹⁰-, -S(O)_m-NR¹¹-Z-, -C(=NR¹²)-NR¹³-, -OC(O)-, -OC(O)-NR¹⁴- or -CH₂-NR⁸-COR⁷- (wherein R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹², R¹³ and R¹⁴ each independently designate a hydrogen atom, halogen atom, hydroxyl group, an optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl group, an optionally substituted C₂₋₆ alkenyl group, an optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, an optionally substituted C₂₋₆ alkenyloxy group, an optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, an optionally substituted C₂₋₆ alkenylthio group, an optionally substituted C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group, an optionally substituted C₃₋₈ cycloalkenyl group, an optionally substituted 4- to 14-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted C₆₋₁₄ aryl group or an optionally substituted 5- to 14-membered heteroaryl group, Z designates a single bond or an optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkylene group, and m designates 0, 1 or 2);

Y designates any one group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, halogen atom, nitro group, hydroxyl group, cyano group, carboxyl group or an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl group, an optionally substituted C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group, an optionally substituted C_{3-8} cycloalkenyl group, an optionally substituted 4-16 to 14-16 membered non-aromatic heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted 14-16 membered heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted 14-16 membered heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted amino group and a group represented by the formula 16-16 (wherein W designates CO or 16-16 designates an optionally substituted 16-16 alkyl group, an optionally substituted amino group, an optionally substituted 16-16 alkyl group, an optionally substituted amino group, an optionally substituted 16-16 alkyl group, an optionally substituted amino group, an optionally substituted 16-16 alkyl group or an optionally substituted 16-16 alkyl group, an optionally substituted amino group, an optionally substituted 16-16 alkyl group or an optionally substituted 16-16 alkyl group, an optionally substituted 16-16 alkyl gro

n designates 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and when n is 2 or more, plural Vs each independently designate -L-X-Y as defined above.

- 2. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Cy forms a 5-membered heteroaryl group.
- 3. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Cy forms a thiophene ring.
- 4. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein in the formula (I), the partial structure consisting of Cy and the pyrazole ring adjoining to the Cy is 1*H*-thieno[2,3-c]pyrazole.
- 5. (Original) A compound represented by the formula (II), a salt thereof or a hydrate of them.

Wherein,

 Q^1 to Q^4 each independently designate -NV¹-, -CV²=, -N=, -N(\rightarrow O)= or -CO-, and at least one of Q^1 to Q^4 designates -NV¹- or -N=, -N(\rightarrow O)=; and

 R^1 designates a group represented by the formula -(CO)_h-(NR^a)_j-(CR^b=CR^c)_k-Ar (wherein R^a , R^b and R^c each independently designate a hydrogen atom, halogen atom, hydroxyl group, an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl group, an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkoxy group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyloxy group, an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkylthio group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenylthio group, an optionally substituted C_{3-8} cycloalkenyl group, an optionally substituted 4- to 14-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted C_{6-14} aryl group or an optionally substituted 5- to 14-membered heteroaryl group; Ar designates an optionally substituted C_{6-14} aryl group or an optionally substituted 5- to 14-membered heteroaryl group; and h, j and k each independently designate 0 or 1),

V¹ and V² each independently designate a group represented by the formula -L-X-Y (wherein, L designates a single bond, an optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkylene group, an optionally substituted C₂₋₆ alkenylene group or an optionally substituted C₂₋₆ alkynylene group; X designates a single bond, or a group represented by -NR⁷-, -O-, -CO-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -CO-NR⁸-Z-, -C(O)O-, -NR⁸-CO-Z-, -NR⁸-C(O)O-, -NR⁸-S-, -NR⁸-SO-, -NR⁸-SO₂-Z-, -NR⁹-CO-NR¹⁰-, -NR⁹-CS-NR¹⁰-, -S(O)_m-NR¹¹-Z-, -C(=NR¹²)-NR¹³-, -OC(O)-, -OC(O)-NR¹⁴- or -CH₂-NR⁸-COR⁷- (wherein R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹², R¹³ and R¹⁴ each independently designate a hydrogen atom, halogen atom, hydroxyl group, an optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkynyl group, an optionally substituted C₂₋₆ alkenyl group, an optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, an optionally substituted C₂₋₆ alkenylthio group, an optionally substituted C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group, an optionally substituted C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group, an optionally substituted C₃₋₈ cycloalkenyl group, an optionally substituted C₃₋₈ cycloalkenyl group, an optionally substituted C₃₋₈ cycloalkenyl group, an

optionally substituted 4- to 14-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted C_{6-14} aryl group or an optionally substituted 5- to 14-membered heteroaryl group, Z designates a single bond or an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkylene group, and m designates 0, 1 or 2); and

Y designates any one group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, halogen atom, nitro group, hydroxyl group, cyano group, carboxyl group or an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkynyl group, an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkoxy group, an optionally substituted C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group, an optionally substituted C_{3-8} cycloalkenyl group, an optionally substituted 4- to 14-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted C_{6-14} aryl group, an optionally substituted 5- to 14-membered heteroaryl group, an optionally substituted amino group and a group represented by the formula -W-R¹⁵(wherein W designates CO or SO₂; and R¹⁵ designates an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl group, an optionally substituted amino group, an optionally substituted C_{6-14} aryl group or an optionally substituted 5- to 14-membered heteroaryl group).

- 6. (Original) The compound according to claim 5, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein among Q^1 to Q^4 , either one is -N=, and the others are -CV²=.
- 7. (Original) The compound according to claim 5, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein among Q^1 to Q^4 , either one of Q^1 , Q^3 and Q^4 is -N=, and the others are -CV²=.

- 8. (Original) The compound according to claim 6, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Q^1 is -N=.
- 9. (Original) The compound according to claim 6, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Q² is -N=.
- 10. (Original) The compound according to claim 6, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Q^3 is -N=.
- 11. (Original) The compound according to claim 6, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Q^4 is -N=.
- 12. (Original) The compound according to claim 5, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein among Q^1 to Q^4 , either two are -N=, and the others are -CV²=.
- 13. (Original) The compound according to claim 12, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein among Q^1 to Q^4 , either two of Q_1 , Q_3 and Q_4 are -N=, and the others are -CV²=.
- 14. (Original) The compound according to any one of claims 5 to 13, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein when either of Q^1 , Q^3 and Q^4 is -CV²=, the -CV²= in Q^1 , Q^3 or Q^4 is -CH=.

- 15. (Original) The compound according to claim 5, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein among Q^1 to Q^4 , either three are -N=, and the other is -CV²=.
- 16. (Original) The compound according to claim 15, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Q^1 , Q^3 and Q^4 are -N=.
- 17. (Original) The compound according to claim 5, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein among Q^1 to Q^4 , at least one is -CO-.
- 18. (Original) The compound according to claim 5, a slat thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Q^1 is -CO-, Q^2 is -NV¹-, and Q^3 and Q_4 are -CV²=.
- 19. (Original) The compound according to claim 5, a slat thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Q^3 is -CO-, Q^2 is -NV¹-, and Q^1 and Q_4 are -CV²=.
- 20. (Original) A compound represented by the formula (III), a salt thereof or a hydrate of them.

Wherein

 R^1 designates a group represented by the formula -(CO)_h-(NR^a)_j-(CR^b=CR^c)_k-Ar (wherein R^a , R^b and R^c each independently designate a hydrogen atom, halogen atom, hydroxyl group, an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl group, an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkoxy group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyloxy group, an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkylthio group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenylthio group, an optionally substituted C_{3-8} cycloalkenyl group, an optionally substituted 4- to 14-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted C_{6-14} aryl group or an optionally substituted 5- to 14-membered heteroaryl group; Ar designates an optionally substituted C_{6-14} aryl group or an optionally substituted 5- to 14-membered heteroaryl group; and h, j and k each independently designate 0 or 1, provided that when h and j are 0, k is 1);

 R^d , R^e and R^f each independently designate a hydrogen atom, halogen atom, hydroxyl group, cyano group, nitro group, carboxyl group, an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl group, an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkoxy group, an optionally substituted C_{2-7} acyl group, -CO-NR^{2a}R^{2b}, -NR^{2b}CO-R^{2a} or -NR^{2a}R^{2b} (wherein R^{2a} and R^{2b} each independently designate a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl group);

L designates a single bond, an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkylene group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenylene group or an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkynylene group;

X designates a single bond, or a group represented by -NR⁷-, -O-, -CO-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -CO-NR⁸-Z-, -C(O)O-, -NR⁸-CO-Z-, -NR⁸-C(O)O-, -NR⁸-S-, -NR⁸-SO-, -NR⁸-SO₂-Z-, -NR⁹-CO-NR¹⁰-, -NR⁹-CS-NR¹⁰-, -S(O)_m-NR¹¹-Z-, -C(=NR¹²)-NR¹³-, -OC(O)-, -OC(O)-NR¹⁴- or -CH₂-NR⁸-COR⁷- (wherein R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹², R¹³ and R¹⁴ each independently designate a hydrogen atom, halogen atom, hydroxyl group, an optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl group, an

optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkynyl group, an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkoxy group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyloxy group, an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkylthio group, an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenylthio group, an optionally substituted C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group, an optionally substituted C_{3-8} cycloalkenyl group, an optionally substituted 4- to 14-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted C_{6-14} aryl group or an optionally substituted 5- to 14-membered heteroaryl group, Z designates a single bond or an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkylene group, and m designates 0, 1 or 2); and

Y designates any one group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, halogen atom, nitro group, hydroxyl group, cyano group, carboxyl group or an optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl group, an optionally substituted C₂₋₆ alkenyl group, an optionally substituted C₂₋₆ alkoxy group, an optionally substituted C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group, an optionally substituted C₃₋₈ cycloalkenyl group, an optionally substituted 4- to 14-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted C₆₋₁₄ aryl group, an optionally substituted 5- to 14-membered heteroaryl group, an optionally substituted amino group and a group represented by the formula -W-R¹⁵(wherein W designates CO or SO₂; and R¹⁵ designates an optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl group, an optionally substituted amino group, an optionally substituted C₆₋₁₄ aryl group or an optionally substituted 5- to 14-membered heteroaryl group).

- 21. (Original) The compound according to claim 20, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein at least one of R^d , R^e and R^f is not a hydrogen atom.
- 22. (Original) The compound according to claim 20, a salt threof or a hydrate of them, wherein either one of R^d , R^e and R^f is a halogen atom or an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkoxy group.
- 23. (Original) The compound according to any one of claims 20 to 22, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein at least one of R^b and R^c is not a hydrogen atom, and L is a single bond, an optionally substituted C₂₋₆ alkenylene group or an optionally substituted C₂₋₆ alkynylene group, provided that, when L is a single bond, the case where X is a single bond, and Y is an optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl group, an optionally substituted C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group, an optionally substituted 4- to 14-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted C₆₋₁₄ aryl group or an optionally substituted 5- to 14-membered heteroaryl group is excluded.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein at least either h or j is 1.
- 25. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein h and j are 0, and k is 1.

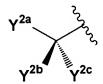
- 26. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein h, j and k are 0.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 24, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein R^b and/or R^c are(is) a hydrogen atom.
- 28. (Original) The compound according to claim 27, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein R^b and R^c are a hydrogen atom.
- 29. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Ar is a C_{6-14} aryl group or a 5- to 14-membered heteroaryl group, and Ar is a group which may be substituted with 1 to 3 group(s) selected from the following substituent group (a):
- <Substituent group a> the group consisting of (1) each optionally substituted (a) C_{1-6} alkyl groups, (b) C_{1-6} alkoxy groups, (c) C_{1-7} acyl groups, (d) amide group, (e) amino group, (f) C_{3-8} cycloalkyl groups, (2) halogen atom, (3) hydroxyl group, (4) nitro group, (5) cyano group, and (6) carboxyl group.
- 30. (Original) The compound according to claim 29, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Ar is a phenyl group, naphthyl group or a 5- to 10-membered heteroaryl group, and Ar is a group optionally substituted with 1 to 3 group(s) selected from Substituent group A described in claim 29.

- 31. (Original) The compound according to claim 29, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Ar is a phenyl group, 2-naphthyl group, pyridyl group, 2-thienyl group, 2-furyl group, 2-benzofuryl group, 2-quinolyl group or 2-benzothienyl group, and Ar is a group optionally substituted with 1 to 3 group(s) selected from Substituent group A described in claim 29.
- 32. (Original) The compound according to claim 29, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Ar is a phenyl group, pyridyl group, 2-thienyl group or 2-furyl group, and Ar is a group optionally substituted with 1 to 3 group(s) selected from Substituent group A described in claim 29.
- 33. (Original) The compound according to claim 29, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Ar is a 2-naphthyl group, 2-benzofuryl group, 2-quinolyl group or 2-benzothienyl group, and Ar is a group optionally substituted with 1 to 3 group(s) selected from Substituent group a described in claim 29.
- 34. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 29, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Substituent group A is the group consisting of (1) C₁₋₆ alkyl groups each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 group(s) selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, hydroxyl group and cyano group, (2) C₁₋₆ alkoxy groups optionally substituted with 1 to 3 group(s) selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, hydroxyl group and cyano group, (3) halogen atom, (4) hydroxyl group, (5) cyano group, and (6) C₁₋₇ acyl groups.

- 35. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 29, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Substituent group A is a halogen atom.
- 36. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein L is a single bond or methylene group.
- 37. (Original) The compound according to claim 36, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein L is a single bond.
- 38. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein X is a group represented by -CO-NR⁸-Z-, -NR⁸-CO-Z- or -NR⁸-SO₂-Z- (wherein R⁸ and Z have the same meanings as defined for R⁸ and Z in claim 1).
- 39. (Original) The compound according to claim 38, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein R⁸ is a hydrogen atom.
- 40. (Original) The compound according to claim 38, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein X is a group represented by -CO-NH-(CH₂)_t- (wherein t designates 0 or 1).
- 41. (Original) The compound according to claim 38, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein X is a group represented by -NH-CO-(CH₂)_t- (wherein t designates 0 or 1).

- 42. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein X is a single bond.
- 43. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Y is a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₆₋₁₄ aryl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group, a 4- to 14-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic group or a 5- to 14-membered heteroaryl group, and Y is a group optionally substituted with 1 to 3 group(s) selected from the following Substituent group a2:
- <Substituent group a2> the group consisting of (1) each optionally substituted (a) C₁₋₆ alkyl groups, (b) C₂₋₆ alkenyl groups, (c) C₂₋₆ alkynyl groups, (d) C₁₋₆ alkoxy groups, (e) C₂₋₇ acyl groups, (f) amide group, (g) amino group, (h) C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl groups, (i) C₃₋₈ cycloalkenyl groups, (j) C₆₋₁₄ aryl groups, (k) 5- to 14-membered heteroaryl groups, (l) C₆₋₁₄ aryloxy groups, and (m) 4- to 14-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic groups, (2) halogen atom, (3) hydroxyl group, (4) nitro group, (5) cyano group, and (6) carboxyl group.
- 44. (Original) The compound according to claim 43, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Y is a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group, phenyl group, a 5- or 6-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic group, or a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl group, and Y is a group optionally substituted with 1 to 3 group(s) selected from Substituent group a2 described in claim 43.

45. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Y is a furyl group, thienyl group, pyrrolyl group, phenyl group, pyridyl group, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group, tetrahydrofuran-yl group, tetrahydrothiophene-yl group, pyrrolidinyl group, tetrahydrofuran-2-on-yl group, pyrrolidine-2-on-yl group or a group represented by the formula:



(wherein Y^{2a} designates a group represented by -CONH₂ or -CH₂OH, Y^{2b} and Y^{2c} each independently designate a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted phenyl group or an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl group), and Y is a group optionally substituted with 1 to 3 group(s) selected from Substituent group a2 described in claim 43.

- 46. (Original) The compound according to claim 43, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Y is a furyl group or thienyl group, and Y is a group optionally substituted with 1 to 3 group(s) selected from Substituent group a2 described in claim 43.
- 47. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 43, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Substituent group a2 is the group consisting of (1) (a) C₁₋₆ alkyl groups, (b) C₁₋₆ alkoxy groups, (C) C₁₋₇ acyl groups, (d) amide group, (e) amino group, (f) C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl groups, each of which may be substituted with 1 to 3 group(s) selected from the following Substituent group b2, (2) halogen atom, (3) hydroxyl group, (4) nitro group, (5) cyano

group, and (6) carboxyl group, and <Substituent group b2> is the group consisting of C₁₋₆ alkyl groups, halogen atom, hydroxyl group, nitro group, cyano group and carboxyl group.

- 48. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 43, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein Substituent group a2 is the group consisting of (1) C₁₋₆ alkoxy groups, (2) halogen atoms and (3) cyano groups.
- 49. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 20, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, wherein L and X are a single bond, Y is a 5- to 6-membered heteroaryl group, and Y is a group optionally substituted with 1 to 3 group(s) selected from Substituent group a2 described in claim 43.
- 50. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound according to <u>claim 20 elaim 1</u>, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 51. (Currently Amended) A c-Jun amino-terminal kinase (JNKs) inhibitor comprising the compound according to claim 20 claim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them.
- 52. (Currently Amended) A c-Jun amino-terminal kinase 1 (JNK 1), c-Jun amino-terminal kinase 2 (JNK 2) and/or c-Jun amino-terminal kinase 3 (JNK 3) inhibitor, comprising the compound according to <u>claim 20 claim 1</u>, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them.

- 53. (Currently amended) An agent for treating or preventing immunological diseases, inflammatory diseases or metabolic disorders, which comprises the compound according to claim 20 elaim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them.
- 54. (Currently amended) An agent for treating or preventing neurodegenerative diseases, which comprises the compound according to <u>claim 20</u> elaim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them.
- 55. (Currently amended) An agent for treating or preventing Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's chorea, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple sclerosis or spinocerebellar degeneration, which comprises the compound according to <u>claim 20</u> elaim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them.
- 56. (Currently amended) Use of the compound according to <u>claim 20</u> elaim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them for prevention or treatment of immunological diseases, inflammatory diseases, metabolic disorders and/or neurodegenerative diseases.
- 57. (Currently amended) Use of the compound according to <u>claim 20 elaim 1</u>, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them, for producing an agent for treating or preventing a disease based on JNK action against which inhibition of a c-Jun amino-terminal kinase (JNK) is effective for prevention or treatment, immunological diseases, inflammatory diseases, metablic disorders or neurodegenerative diseases.

- 58. (Currently Amended) The use according to <u>claim 20 elaim 57</u>, wherein the disease is Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's chorea, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple sclerosis or spinocerebellar degeneration.
- 59. (Currently amended) A method for treating or preventing a disease based on JNK 3 action against which inhibition of a c-Jun amino-terminal kinase 3 (JNK 3) is effective for prevention or treatment, immunological diseases, inflammatory diseases, metablic disorders and/or neurodegenerative diseases, which comprises adiministering a pharmacologically effective amount of the compound according to claim 20 claim 1, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them to a patient.
- 60. (Currently amended) A method for treating or preventing a disease based on JNK action against which inhibition of a c-Jun amino-terminal kinase (JNK) is effective for prevention or treatment, immunological diseases, inflammatory diseases, metablic disorders or neurodegenerative diseases, which comprises adiministering a pharmacologically effective amount of the compound according to <u>claim 20 elaim 1</u>, a salt thereof or a hydrate of them to a patient.
- 61. (Currently Amended) The method according to <u>claim 20 elaim 60</u>, wherein the disease is Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's chorea, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple sclerosis or spinocerebellar degeneration.